



**Request  
For  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
Transmittal**  
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Application Number	09/900,754
Filing Date	July 6, 2001
First Named Inventor	Allen, et al.
Art Unit	1636
Examiner Name	Daniel M. Sullivan
Attorney Docket Number	R-372

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114**

a.  Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

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- RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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<b>AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 CFR 1.114</b>	Application Number	09/900754
	Confirmation Number	4570
	Filing Date	July 6, 2001
	First Named Inventor	ALLEN et al.
	Examiner	Daniel M. Sullivan
	Group Art	1636
	Customer No.	26619
	Title	Transgenic Mice Containing Trypsin Gene Disruptions
	Attorney Docket No.	R-372

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION  
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.114**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 24, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due on or before March 24, 2003. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition for the Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for response to the Office Action for a period of three months from March 24, 2003 up to and including June 24, 2003. Applicants submit this Amendment along with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.